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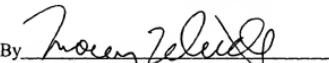
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LETTER RE: PRIORITY

Sir:

Applicant hereby claims priority through U.S. Patent Application No. 09/301,217, of Japanese Patent Application No. 292348/1998 filed October 14, 1998. A certified copy of this Japanese application was submitted in parent U.S. Patent Application No. 09/301,217.

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